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## PART-IIA

### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

#### ADDENDUM

**No.ERTS(S) 5/2019/198.** - The Government of Meghalaya is pleased to modify Government notification No.ERTS (S) 5/2019/143, dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 as under:-

- (i) In the existing table, in column No. 1, after existing Sl. No. 14, a new Sl. No. 14A shall be inserted; and
- (ii) In the same table, in column No. 2, after existing Article No. 24, a new Article No. 26 shall be inserted and also in the same table, in column No. 3, under the heading "Description of Instruments", after existing entry - Copy or Extract of the Documents Executed (In NeSL Web Portal), the following entry shall be inserted- "Customs Bond".

This Addendum shall come into effect immediately.

**S. A. SYNREM,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Excise, Registration, Taxation and Stamps Department.

The 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

**No.CDD.122/2006/369.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the State Government hereby makes the following further amendments to the Notification of the Government of Meghalaya, Community and Rural Development Department, published in the Gazette of Meghalaya Extraordinary *vide* number CDD. 122/2006/3, dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 amended *vide* notification's NREGS Cell, 19/2010/66, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010, CDD. 122/2006/283, dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, CDD. 122/2006/317, dated 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, CDD. 122/2006/329, dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, CDD. 122/2006/336, dated 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and CDD.122/2006/337, dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

In the said notification,

**Against para 7A Clause 4, the following sentences shall be added**

With effect from 2020, whenever elections are held to the post of "Secretary of the VEC", full reservation of 100% shall be kept exclusively for women members. On completion of three (3) years term, elections to the post of Secretary shall be open to both Male and Female candidates of the VEC. Reservation shall not apply to VECs where the post of Secretary is already held by a female member. The reservation shall also be applicable to the post of "Chairperson of the VEC", whenever the said post is not held by the Traditional head of the Village or is already held by a female member. The Terms and Conditions notified *vide* No.CDD.25/2020/24, dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 shall continue to apply whenever such elections/ selections are conducted.

**Against para 7A Clause 5, the following clauses shall be added**

6. Each VEC will also have a **Natural Resource Management Committee (NRMC)** which will be responsible for the planning of NRM activities under MGNREGA, re-prioritisation of Shelf of Works (SoP) and supervise the implementation and execution of NRM plans in the VEC. The NRMC shall be headed by a Chairperson who is preferably the Traditional Head of the Village or someone, selected by the VEC, a Secretary who shall either be the Village Community Facilitator (VCF) who has been trained under NRM or a Water Volunteer identified under MGNREGA or any person who is well conversant with technology and can operate apps in a smartphone. Youths can also be identified for this role who shall be shall be either elected or selected through a consensus process by the General body (Gram Sabha) of the VEC where at least two-thirds of members of the general body should actively participate in this selection process; and the two Water Volunteers identified under the JSA or the VCFs trained with the help of Soil & Water Conservation Department shall also be members of the Committee.

**7. Roles and Responsibilities**

- i. The main role of NRMC is to ensure participatory planning of NRM activities under MGNREGA. This includes mobilisation and education of people about the importance of collective community efforts around NRM for achieving sustainable development in the long run.
- ii. The committee will engage in democratic consultation and discussion with the entire community, to ensure that projects are identified and designed in a participatory manner.

VCFs and technical staff from the relevant departments will assist the committee in conducting these participatory discussions.

- iii. The Committee shall also monitor and see that a significant amount of funds under MGNREGA are utilised optimally for addressing the issues of water scarcity, soil degradation, deforestation and other environmental problems.
- iv. The committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the VEC on NRM activities and projects that can be included in the Shelf of Projects (SoP) of the community.
- v. The PEIC of the VEC will be the committee which will submit the AAP under MGNREGA. As part of AAP, PEIC will draft two shelves of projects for the AAP: NRM SoP and non-NRM SoP. PEIC should ensure that NRM SoP is drafted in consultation with the NRMC.
- vi. All members of the committee shall *undergo rigorous training* and orientation on NRM, sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurship and related activities as and when required.
- vii. The members especially the Secretary and VCF and Water Volunteers to be trained on PDA, CLART, and tools and methods such as PRA, to further assist in the preparation of NRM plans.
- viii. It shall advise the VEC to revise and *re-prioritize* the SoP if enough NRM works were not included in the plans, adhering to the conditionality of the MGNREG Act. The list of permissible works under MGNREGA shall be referred at all times. Other activities such as Rural Connectivity, buildings, etc. shall be within the other 40% which is non-NRM related.
- ix. For the Aspirational District *i.e.*, Ri-Bhoi, the Committee shall ensure that 65% expenditure is made on NRM.
- x. The roles and responsibilities of the Village Water Resource Council (VWRC) notified by the Water Resource Department *vide* Notification No.WR(G)84/2011/471, dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 shall also be carried out by this Committee under the supervision of the PEIC.
- xi. The committee shall also play an important role in promoting **Community Conservation Corps (CCC) under Green Meghalaya Movement** to build the youths and the children/ Dorbar Khynnah in bringing about a general awareness, learning and understanding about the need to preserve and conserve nature in all its balance.
- xii. The committee shall also assist in organizing exposure visits to other communities, so that members of the VNRMC and other community members who are interested, may learn from what neighbouring villages are doing to achieve sustainable natural resource management.
- xiii. **Raising of Nurseries** in each and every VEC in convergence with NRLM and other Line Departments shall be a mandatory activity to be carried out by the committee. The saplings selected should be perennial Horticulture plants, indigenous water retaining plants, etc., no seasonals are permitted. This will not only curb the need to Spend umpteen amounts on purchasing of saplings from suppliers, but will also promote awareness on the need to use indigenous plants and in improving the gene pool of such plants *in situ*.

- xiv. **Convergence & Collaboration:** The committee should aim to build on existing projects when new projects are designed, and to involve other schemes and departments. In addition, the committee should look for opportunities to build projects with other neighbouring VEC.
- xv. The sustainable livelihood aspects of the beneficiaries will also be taken into consideration by the Committee while implementing the plans. Care should also be taken such that the natural resources are not depleted or destroyed in the long term.

#### **8. Financial Implication:**

- a. There will be a clear-cut indication on the budget breakup in the ratio of 60:40 of the VEC's Annual Action Plan for the two Shelves *i.e.*, NRM and non- NRM. This shall be mandatorily carried out during the Annual Plan preparation by the VEC. The NRMC shall be entrusted with the identification of NRM works, supervision of the implementation and execution of the NRM plan of the VEC. The overall AAP shall be approved at the VEC level which continue to be implemented by the PIEC.
- b. If the tentative allocation falls short of the 60% requirement, the NRMC shall advise the VEC to revise the AAP accordingly before approval is accorded.
- c. The overall maintenance of financial records, preparation of UCs, etc., shall be carried out by the Treasurer of the PEIC for purposes of auditing, etc. The NRMC will countersign all bills, vouchers, eMRs on all NRM shelf of works and submit to the PEIC for onward submission to the Block office.

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Community and Rural Development Department.

The 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

**No.PW/Admin/21/2021/67.** - In the interest of works related with External Aided Projects funded by the World Bank, ADB, NDB, etc., and Centrally Sponsored Schemes funded by Government of India under implementation by the Public Works Department (Roads), the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the insertion of the following Cells under existing Branches in the office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Roads) with immediate effect and until further orders.

Sl. No.	Name of the Existing Branch	New Cell under the Branch
1	Central Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NATIONAL HIGHWAY &amp; CENTRAL SPONSORED SCHEMES (NH AND CSS) CELL.</li> <li>(All NH Works, SARDP, JICA, ISC, NLCPR, CRF or any CSS Projects in the State).</li> </ul>
2	Liaison Officer (State Roads)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROAD DESIGN CELL-1 (RD-I).</li> <li>(All Road &amp; Br related Works in Garo &amp; Jaintia Hills under State Schemes, RIDF, MOTA, SPA etc.).</li> </ul>
3	Monitoring & Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXTERNAL AIDED PROJECT &amp; PROCUREMENT (EAP &amp; PROC) CELL</li> <li>(All works related to World Bank, ADB, or any EAP Projects and All Procurement related works).</li> </ul>
4	Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BRIDGE DESIGN (BR) CELL.</li> <li>(All works related Bridge Design of All Schemes in the State).</li> </ul>
5	NEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEC &amp; ENVIRONMENT (NEC &amp; ENV) CELL.</li> <li>(All works related to NEC, NEISID, NERSDS, DONER Schemes and Environmental Studies).</li> </ul>
6	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLANING &amp; POLICY (PLG &amp; P) CELL.</li> <li>(All works related to Planning Budget, Policy, Road Network etc. in the State).</li> </ul>
7	State Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROAD DESIGN CELL-2 (RD-2).</li> <li>(All Road &amp; Br related works in Khasi Hills &amp; Ri-Bhoi) under State Schemes, RIDF, MOTA, SPA etc.).</li> </ul>
8	SATC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SECTIONAL ASSISTANT TRAINING CENTRE (SATC) &amp; PMGSY CELL.</li> <li>(All works related to Training and PMGSY Project in the State).</li> </ul>
9	Roads Research Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROAD SAFETY &amp; QUALITY CONTROL (RS &amp; QC) CELL.</li> <li>(All works related to Road Research, Quality Control &amp; Road Safety in the State).</li> </ul>

**T. G. NENGNONG,**  
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Public Works (R&B) Department.